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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office for a two-month extension of time to respond to an Office Action dated August 23, 2007. Applicants have authorized the Director to charge payment of the Extension fee. With the extension, a response is due on or before January 23, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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